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WOMEN CIVIL ASSISTANT SURGEONS HOLDING MENS' APPOINTMENTS.

26 Q. - BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN: Will the Hon: the Minister for Public Health be pleased to State---

(a) the number of women Civil Assistant Surgeons holding men's appointments;
(b) whether these women officers are given the same scales of pay as the men officers holding similar posts; and
(c) if the answer is in the negative, the disparity that exists in the scales of pay of men and women medical officers discharging similar duties and the reasons for such disparity?.

THE HON. SR A.B.SHETTY:- "(a) Eight.
*(b) Yes.
"(c) Does not arise"

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN:-- "With reference to anawer to clause (a) may I know whether these women officers are holding permanent posts or merely temporary appointments?"

THE HON. SR A.B.SHETTY:--"It is presumed temporary jobs."

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN:--"Is the Hon.Minister aware that, on account of the existence of two cadres in the Medical Department, namely, the men cadre and the women cadre, senior women officers are deprived of their chance of promotion?"

THE HON. SRIX A.B. SHETTY:- "I suggest that it might be put as a separate question.

N. MUHAMMAD ANWAR SAHIB BAHADUR:"May I know from the Hon. Minister how women can hold men's posts?" (Laughter).

THE HON.SRI A.B. SHETTY:-- "During war time due to shortage of men, women officers were appointed to such posts."

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN:--"Is it not a fact that there can be no men's posts and women's posts in this age and that women are capable of discharging any duty provided they are duly qualified?"

THE HON. SRI A.B.SHETTY:-- "There are separate cadres for men and women."

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN:-- "In view of the assurance that was given the other day by the Hon.Home Minister, may I ask of the Hon.Minister for Public Health and Medicine whether he will take urgent steps to see that the existing differences in the cadres of men and women are immediately abolished and that there is only one uniform cadre for all irrespective of sex?"

THE HON. SRI A.B. SHETTY:--"That matter will be considered".

KUMARARAJA SIR MUTHIAH CHETTIYAR OF CHETTINAD:--

"Is it not a fact that many years ago the Government of Madras accepted the policy of bringing up the cadre of women assistant surgeons to the level of men assistant surgeons?"

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THE HON. SIR A.B.SHETTY:-- "I am not aware of any such thing, Sir".

SRI B.S. MURTHI:--"May I know if it is possible to abolish sex in the officers?"

THE HON. SRI A.B.SHETTY:-- "I am not able to understand the question."

An extract from the proceedings of the Assembly containing the answer to the questions is at page 18 c.f.
No further action is called.
The papers may be recorded.

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